



# *Marchin' & Swingin'*

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## **MWM DIRECTOR MAKES TV APPEARANCE**

Maryland Wing Music Director, Captain George Carroll, taped a television interview on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the studios of Channel 33, Arlington Community Television, in Arlington, Virginia. He was interviewed by MWM member and Maryland Wing assistant public affairs officer, Senior Member, Charles Goolsby. Goolsby is producer and host of the twenty-eight minute discussion program, *The Bookman's Corner*. Now in its twelfth year, the program features authors and critics of books of note on a wide variety of subjects.

The Carroll interview will begin running on the public access channel on June 1<sup>st</sup>. It will air twice weekly -- Tuesdays at 7:30 PM and Wednesdays at 5:00 PM -- for four weeks. Author of numerous articles and several music instruction manuals, Capt. Carroll gave an engaging presentation on the history of the fife and drum and military music. He demonstrated several traditional drum calls as well as the famous slow drum beat that he wrote for the U.S. Army's "Old Guard" fife and drum corps -- a beat that was heard around the world during the funeral of President John F. Kennedy.

Throughout the program, Carroll was identified by the words "Civil Air Patrol band" under the name "Capt. George Carroll." He told the audience about the CAP's National Military Music Academy and upcoming tattoo in July.

Captain Carroll is the second CAP officer to appear on the program since the new year. In January, *The Bookman Corner* featured guest was Captain Kay Joslin Walling, Public Affairs Officer for Maryland Wing CAP. She spoke about women in aviation and the history and present day mission of the Civil Air Patrol

In upcoming months the program will feature a concert by the MWM swing band in World War Two period uniforms performing a variety of swing classics.

Maryland Wing music held two rehearsals, as scheduled, in March. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Concert band rehearsed a number of new pieces, including "March of the Belgium Parachutists" and "*La Gazza Strada*." At the March 18<sup>th</sup>, rehearsal, the Swing band practiced a number of swing standards and contemporary swing hits such as "Zoot Suit Riot." Capt. Carroll thanked those in attendance and stressed the need for more musicians.

Anyone interested in joining Maryland Wing Music should contact Charles Goolsby at 202-619-0873.

## Maryland Wing Music Members

**Director** - Capt. George Carroll \*

**Flute** - Capt. Kathy Reed, SM Charles Goolsby, C/A1st Juliette Skrabut

**Clarinet** - Rudy Adler, Tom Cherrix, Caroline Cherrix, Dan Krause, Jim Stephan, SM Irwin Deutscher, Jared Taylor

**Alto Saxophone** - Caroline Cherrix, Jared Taylor, Jim Stephan, SM Irwin Deutscher, Rudy Adler

**Tenor Saxophone** - Irwin Deutscher, Rudy Adler

**Baritone Saxophone** - Dr. Ryle Belle

**Trumpet** - Andy Leech, Bernie Rappaport, James Hamlin, SM George Rigby, Ken Schrantz, C/A1st Alexander Sansone, Jim Fulcher, Dan Krause

**Baritone** - Col. Susan McMarlin, U.S. Army

**Trombone** - Maj. Ken Toderaf USAF, Matthew Plank, C/SA Steve Moreland, Susan McMarlin

**Tuba** - Bruce Keck, C/SA Steve Moreland

**String Bass** - Bruce Keck

**Guitar** - Maj. Clark Cloukey

**Drum** - Capt. George Carroll, Maj. Clark Cloukey, SM Diane Mizrahi

**Vocal** - SM Roger Thiel

\* ranks referred to are Civil Air Patrol unless otherwise indicated

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# REHEARSALS AND UPCOMING PERFORMANCES FOR MWM

During April Maryland Wing Music will change its normal schedule of rehearsals. Instead of the first Saturday of April [April 1st] the MWM fife and drum corps and the concert band will rehearse on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The rehearsal will be held at The Heights school [on Seven Locks Road] between 12:00 and 1:00 PM. The MWM Concert Band will hold its rehearsal beginning at 1:00 PM on that date [April 2<sup>nd</sup>], immediately following the field music rehearsal. On the third Saturday in April [April 15<sup>th</sup>] MWM Swing Band will rehearse at 1:00 PM at the Heights, immediately preceded by a field music rehearsal between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM.

The swing band concert at Seton Keough High School originally scheduled for 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Friday February 25<sup>th</sup>, will take place between 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at Seton Keough High School. Anyone interested in participating or needing directions should contact George Carroll at 410-646-4444 ex 49

## DID YOU KNOW?

A native of Aberdeen Maryland, George Harold Cronin, is known as "the last of the Foggiani." The Foggiani were World War One U.S. Army Air Service pilots who were trained at the 8<sup>th</sup> Aviation Instruction Center at Foggia, Italy, near Rome. Although the U.S. was the first nation to use airplanes for military purposes, America, at the time of its entry into World War One, lagged far behind the major powers in aircraft and instruction facilities. Most American airmen were trained and fought in French machines. But in September 1917, 400 U.S. pilots began training with the Italian Air Force at its Foggia training field. In June 1918, 96 of these American pilots, under the command of Major Fiorello H. La Guardia, [later a U.S. Congressman and a strong proponent of the Civil Air Patrol] won their wings and were assigned to frontline Italian Air Force units. Flying Ca.5 Caproni bombers, the Americans flew many combat missions against Austro-Hungarian Empire military targets. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. George Cronin distinguished himself in several missions and won a number of Italian and U.S. decorations. After the war, he flew for the Colorado Air National Guard. When World War Two broke out, Cronin returned to active duty in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was among the many USAAF officers who helped to establish the U.S. Air Force as the best in the world. He retired in 1956 with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

## **MWM PROFILE: TOM AND CAROLINE CHERRIX**

Music brought Tom and Caroline Cherrix together. They first met in college as members of the University of Maryland band. They're still making music today with a number of area bands, including the Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol concert and swing bands.

Born in Wachapreague, Virginia, Tom Cherrix trained with the U.S. Air Force ROTC at the University of Maryland, while earning a degree in Physics. He later served with the U.S. Army Reserves. During forty years of distinguished U.S. Government service, he was a physicist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Goddard Space Flight Center, the National Reconnaissance Office and the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. Today he is a consultant to the Research and Data Systems Corporation in Greenbelt, Maryland.

An accomplished woodwind performer, he studied bassoon under the late Eugene Dimond. He performs on clarinet, saxophone, flute, piccolo, bassoon, bass viol, electric bass, piano, and electric keyboards. He has composed and arranged music for orchestras, bands, and small ensembles.

For more than two decades Tom served as general manager of The Greenbelt Concert Band and has been an associate conductor for the band since the early 1980s. A member in good standing of the Association of Concert Bands, Inc., Tom has performed and still performs with a number of music groups, including the PGCC Concert Band, the U.S. Soldiers Home Concert Band, the Longworth Dinner Theatre Staff Orchestra, the Blackthorne Stick Ceile Band, the Rosebud Ragtime Ensemble, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Orchestra and Opera Company, and the Arena Stage Orchestra.

Caroline Cherrix was born in Washington, DC. She graduated from the University of Maryland with B.A. in Economics. She is the Director of Administrative Services, College of Life Sciences at UM. A fine saxophonist, she performs or has performed with various bands and ensembles including the Greenbelt Concert Band, the PGCC Concert Band, the U.S. Soldiers Home Concert Band, Longworth Dinner Theatre Staff Orchestra, the Blackthorne Stick Ceile Band, and the Rosebud Ensemble.

Tom and Caroline Cherrix are the parents of two married daughters: Leigh Anne Giraldi and Margaret Rowe. They have five grandchildren: Lauren, Joseph and Haley Giraldi and Caroline and Grace Rowe.

Tom and Caroline Cherrix: two more good reasons for supporting Maryland Wing Music.